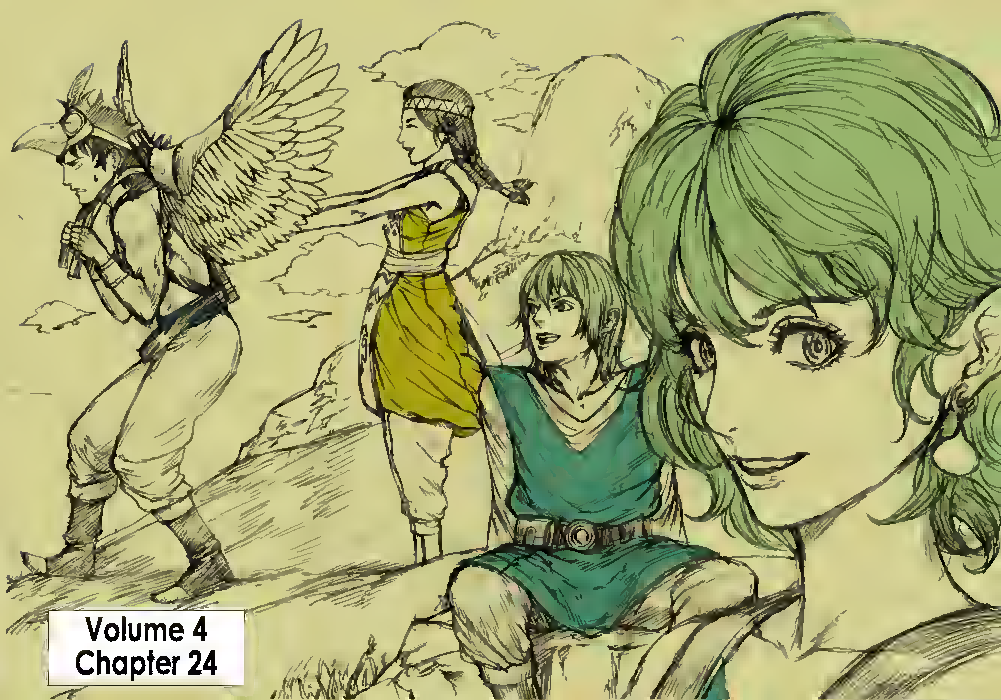
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Chapter 24

BUT RIGHT NOW, IT'S THE HEADQUARTERS FOR ARMED SHIPS BUILT TO DEFEND MERCHANT SHIPS FROM MONSTER ATTACKS
ON AN ISLAND BETWEEN ORACLEBERRY AND PORT SELMI WHERE MR. LUDMAN IS PLANNING ON BUILDING A CASINO AND HOTEL.
HOW'S EVERYTHING, YURIL!?
OH!! YOU'RE HERE!
HELLO, IT'S BEEN A WHILE!!
GOOD! YOU SEEM WELL TOO MR. ABEL.

SEVERAL OF THEM HAVE BEEN REBUILT BUT THE DOCKERS ARE TOO AFRAID OF A SECOND ATTACK TO WORK
HARBORS ALL OVER THE WORLD HAVE BEEN DESTROYED BY HORDES OF MONSTERS
I DO YEAH
TRUE YOU THINK IT S THE WORK OF DEMONS?
AFTER ALL, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME MONSTERS FORMED GROUPS AND ATTACKED HARBORS IN AN ALMOST ORGANIZED FASHION
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AND... EACH TIME, IT MARKED THE START OF A WAR AGAINST DEMONS
WHENEVER MONSTERS WENT BERSERK AND ACTED IN A COLLECTIVE MANNER IN THE PAST DEMONS WERE INVOLVED
HUMANS WAGED WAR ON DEMONS AGAIN AND AGAIN SINCE THE START OF TIME
BUT THEN AGAIN, THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME

LET'S MAKE SURE IT STAYS THAT WAY THIS TIME TOO...!!
AND HUMANS EMERGED VICTORIOUS EVERY SINGLE TIME
WE CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE OUT TO THEM
I HEAR THE KINGDOM OF GRANVANIA TO THE SOUTH EAST HAS BEEN AT WAR WITH THE DEMONS FOR SEVERAL YEARS NOW
YES!
THAT'S WHAT TODAY'S MEETING IS FOR RIGHT?
I HOPE MR. BAKI AND SLAN ARE ALL RIGHT...
GRAN-VANIA, HUH
HAVING LOST THEIR JOBS MANY WORKERS ARE BECOMING THIEVES AND BANDITS, WHILE MANY SAILORS ARE BECOMING PIRATES
THE SHORTAGE OF SHIPS IS PROVING TO BE FATAL. WITHOUT A SAFE MEANS TO DISTRIBUTE THEIR GOODS MERCHANTS AND THEIR WORKERS EVERYWHERE ARE GOING BANKRUPT
OUR BIGGEST PRIORITY RIGHT NOW IS TO ENSURE SAFE MARITIME TRAFFIC AS OF NOW MOST SHIPS CAN'T REACH THEIR DESTINATION UNHARMED

OH YEAH, ABOUT THAT MEMBERS OF A SECT CALLED "THE ORDER OF LIGHT" WERE SIGHTED ASKING UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE TO JOIN THEM AT VARIOUS PLACES
IT'S A VERY SUSPICIOUS GROUP
SO THE ORDER OF LIGHT IS ACTIVE IN THE WEST TOO?
THEY CLAIM THEY WILL "SAVE ONLY THE FAITHFUL FROM THIS DARK AGE". BUT...
SFX: CREAK
WHEN WE INVESTIGATED THEM THEY TURNED OUT TO BE MORE THAN JUST SUSPICIOUS
YOU KNOW HOW CHILDREN HAVE BEEN GETTING KIDNAPPED ALL OVER THE WORLD, RIGHT?
I'M CERTAIN THEY'RE BEHIND IT ALL
ARE YOU SURE?
SFX: CREAK
YEAH
A MERCHANT CALLED HANK HOFFMAN JR SUPPOSEDLY WITNESSED IT WHEN HE DROVE THEM TO THE HARBOR IN HIS WAGON
IN ADDITION TO THEIR NEW CONVERTS, HE SAW THEM LOADING LOTS OF CHILDREN ONTO THEIR SHIP
SFX: DEPRESSED
I'VE LOST ALL MY FAITH
HOFFMAN WHO WAS THINKING OF JOINING THE SECT
IS SAID TO HAVE CHANGED HIS MIND AFTER THAT

LOOK HERE
!!
SFX: THUD
NOW, ABOUT THEIR HEAD-QUAR-TERS
WHERE DO YOU THINK THAT SHIP WITH THEIR NEW CON-VERTS AND KIDS WAS HEADED?
TRUE
THERE ARE NO VILLAGES AND TOWNS IN THAT REGION ALL YOU WILL FIND THERE ARE ROCKS, HILLS, AND RAGING WINDS
SOME EVEN SUSPECT THE BASE OF THE DEMONS TO BE THERE
WHICH IS WHY I HAD MY MEN CHECK IT OUT
BUT IT'S NOT A PLACE HUMANS CAN LIVE IN —
SENTO-BERETH MOUN-TAIN?
I DON'T KNOW
THEY NEVER CAME BACK
...
AND? DID THEY FIND OUT SOME-THING?

EH!?
FROM HUMANS
WHERE DO THEY GET THE FUNDS FOR SUCH A LARGE-SCALE OPERATION FROM...?
YOU'D NEED AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF RESOURCES AND MAN-POWER TO BE ACTIVE IN THAT MANY PLACES AT THE SAME TIME...
WE DON'T KNOW THEIR GOALS, BUT THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT THE SECT IS JUST A PLOY BY DEMONS TO COLLECT HUMANS
DON'T FORGET WHO-EVER IS ABDUCT-ING THE KIDS
THAT MEANS, THE SECT AND SOME MERCHANTS ARE IN BED WITH THE DEMONS
AND FOOLISH MERCHANTS, WHO WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR MONEY SELL THEIR LOOT OFF FOR THEM
DID YOU KNOW? EVERY TIME THE HORDES OF MONSTERS SUNK A SHIP THEY MADE SURE TO TAKE ANYTHING OF VALUE WITH THEM
FROM FORMER MER-CHANTS TO BE EXACT
UMM... AS OF NOW, TORNEKO'S MERCHANTS IN THE EAST AND ROBERT'S MERCHANTS IN THE WEST HAVE LOST ₦92 TRILLION AND ₦2.7 BILLION GOLD IN TOTAL...
YURI... WHAT WAS THE TOTAL DAMAGE THEY'VE CAUSED IN THE EAST AND WEST AGAIN?
WELL, LONG STORY SHORT, THE DEMONS ARE BEHIND EVERYTHING THEY'RE DOING WHATEVER THEY WANT WITH US HUMANS WHILE WE DON'T HAVE THE MEANS TO FIGHT BACK

NOTE TO SELF: NEVER MESS WITH TORNEKO'S MERCHANTS AKA THE FIGHTING MERCHANT CORPS...
HEHE HEHE
WELL... I GUESS IT'S TIME TO PAY THE DAMN DEMONS A VISIT AND
MAKE THEM COUGH UP EVERY SINGLE GOLD !!
THAT'S WHY I CAME ALONE
MASTER POPORO, MASTER TORNEKO'S SON, IS INJURED
WHERE IS MR TORNEKO NOW?
IT'S REALLY BAD TIMING ...
IT'S NICE THAT OUR MASTERS ARE SO DEVOTE TO THEIR FAMILIES, BUT...
MISS FLORA AND MISS DEBORA ARE JOINING A CONVENT, AND THE WHOLE REGISTRATION PROCEDURE IS TAKING A LOT LONGER THAN EXPECTED... THAT'S WHY I CAME ALONE
WHAT ABOUT MR LUDMAN?

AND OUR MASTERS AREN'T HERE TO WITNESS IT
WE'RE LIFTING THE CURTAIN ON THIS BRAND NEW ARMADA OF THREE HUNDRED BATTLESHIPS WITH FIVE THOUSAND SAILORS AND MERCENARIES TODAY
NO... HE CALLS HIMSELF A PIRATE, BUT HE'S ALWAYS FIGHTING FOR THE GOOD OF THE W-
EXCUSE ME!!
IN THE END A PIRATE IS JUST A PIRATE RIGHT?
I HEARD HE WASN'T PRESENT DURING THE OPENING ADDRESS EITHER
NOW THAT YOU SAY IT... STRANGE, HE SAID HE WOULD COME
BY THE WAY IS THAT PIRATE REALLY GOING TO COME?
YOU MEAN CAPTAIN CROW?
A PITY THE KINGDOM OF REINHART COULDN'T JOIN US BUT THESE THREE HUNDRED BATTLESHIPS SHOULD BE MORE THAN ENOUGH
I GUESS ALL THAT ASKING AROUND WAS WORTH
THIS ARMADA IS GOING TO HELP US ESTABLISH A NEW SAFE SEA ROUTE STARTING AT THIS HARBOR FIGHT BACK THE SECT'S SHIPS AND FIND THE DEMON'S

THEY GOT WIND OF US, HUH...
THEY'RE VICIOUSLY STRONG AND SUNK THE SHIP THAT WAS KEEPING WATCH...
MONSTERS ARE ATTACKING US FROM THE BACK OF THE ISLAND!!
HUFF HUFF
WHAT IS IT?
RIGHT AWAY, SIR!!
TELL THEM TO EXPECT A BATTLE ON LAND AND SEA AND TO PROTECT THE ANCHORED TRANSPORT SHIPS
YES, SIR!!
TELL ALL SAILORS AND MERCENARIES TO PREPARE FOR BATTLE!
SIR I DON'T KNOW IT WAS ALL OVER IN AN INSTANT
HOW MANY ARE THEY?
SFX: FSSSSHHH
YURII, LET'S GO!!
YES!

SFX: FSSSSHHH
SIGH...
WHY THE HELL ARE WE IN CHARGE OF SINKING SHIPS...
SFX: CLACK
SFX: THUD

CHILDREN OF GOOD LINEAGE WHO HAVE A GOOD CHANCE OF BECOMING HEROES ONE DAY, WAS IT?
WOULD YOU RATHER BE IN CHARGE OF KID-NAPPING HUMAN CHIL-DREN?
SFX: THUD THUD THUD
SFX: STOMP STOMP

I CAN'T BELIEVE WE WERE SUMMON-ED HERE FROM THE UNDER-WORLD.
TO DO ALL THEIR DIRTY WORK
SFX: CLACK CLACK

SIR SERGE! YOUR VOICE IS TOO LOUD
MAYBE SOME OF THE CHIL-DREN CAN ACTUALLY PUT UP A FIGHT?
GAHA HAHA HA!!
YOU SURE LOVE TO FIGHT, DON'T YOU!?
WELL, I'D GLADLY SWITCH JOBS ANYTIME IF THERE WERE ANY STRONG CHILDREN
SFX: CLACK
GOOD GRIEF...
GAHA HAHA HA!!
BUT THAT'S OKAY 'CAUSE I LOVE TO FIGHT TOO!! GAHAHAHA!!
DID THAT EYEBALL MONSTER TURN ITS HEAD 360 DEGREES JUST NOW..?
THERE'S ONLY TWO OF THEM..!?
I'VE NEVER SEEN THESE MON-STERS BEFORE...
YEAH...

SFX: BZZZ
LET'S SEE IF I CAN SMOKE THEM OUT!!
THEY'RE HIDING IN THE BUSHES
YEAH I KNOW
SFX: BEAM
!!?
SFX: B

NOW!! COME!!

SFX: CLANG
!?
SFX: CLANG
TSK!!

SFX: THUD THUD
SFX: AHH
SFX: PULL
WHAT A SKILLFUL FELLOW
OH DUAL-WIELDING?
SFX: KER-CHAK
THEN I WILL TOO
!!?
SFX: BLAST
FIRE-BANE!!

SFX: BOOM
WHAT...!?
SFX: SLASH
MR. ABEL, LET ME FINISH HIM!!
SFX: SLASH
WAIT!! YURI!!
!?

SFX: SMASH
HMPH!!

SFX: SHOOT
SFX: SHOOT
SFX: BEAM
SFX: THUD
SFX: WHAM
SFX: CLANG
YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY!!
WHAT INCREDIBLE FORCE!!
UGH!!!
THIS IS PAY-BACK!!
CO- OUT!!

YES!!
THEY'RE TOUGH YURIL. WATCH OUT
CARE-LESS ? I LET HIM HIT ME ON PURPOSE YOU KNOW MAGIC DOESN'T WORK ON ME
SFX: CRASH
GET-TING CARE-LESS ROBIN?
THIS IS PROVING TO BE INTER-ESTING!!
SIR I TAKE BACK WHAT I SAID
SURE LOOKS THAT WAY!!
GAHA HAHA HA!!

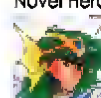
Appendix:

Characters in chapter 24:

Abel

Yanack

Yuri (DQIV Novel Hero)



Hank Hoffman Jr.

Mokomoko

Torneko

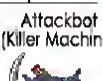
Poporo

Ludman (Briscoletti)

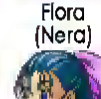
Monsters in chapter 24:

Sergeinus (Bilhaw)

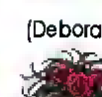
Attackbot (Killer Machine)



Flora (Nera)



(Debora)



Spells in chapter 24:

- Firebane (Sizzle)

Skills in chapter 24:

- Cop Out

Locations in chapter 24:

- Pontoon
- Gronvonio (Gotho)
- Sentobereth Mountoin (Mount Azimuth)